



# SYNOPSIS

## House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 8, 2016  
Schedule 17**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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### **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

**HB 750** Delegate A. Miller, et al

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – POLICY  
AND DISCIPLINARY STANDARDS**

Requiring the State Department of Education, after consultation with each local school system, to develop, on or before April 1, 2017, a specified model policy prohibiting the use of specified electronic smoking devices on school property, on school buses, and at school-sponsored events; requiring that the model policy contain specified information; requiring specified county boards of education to establish specified policies prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices at specified locations and specified events; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-438 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

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**HB 751 Delegate Sanchez, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – COURT-ORDERED SERVICES PROVIDER**

Prohibiting a court-ordered services provider from engaging in sexual contact, vaginal intercourse, or a sexual act with an individual ordered by the court, the Division of Parole and Probation, or the Department of Juvenile Services to obtain services while the order is in effect; and applying penalties for violation of the Act of up to 3 years of confinement or a fine not to exceed \$3,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 3-314 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 752 Delegate Cullison****PHYSICIANS – PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – PREPARING AND DISPENSING**

Providing that specified provisions of law do not prohibit a licensed physician from personally preparing and dispensing a prescription written by a physician assistant in accordance with a specified delegation agreement if the physician complies with specified requirements.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 12-102(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 753 Delegate B. Barnes****STATE BUDGET**

Authorizing the General Assembly to increase or add Executive Department items in the budget bill, subject to a specified limitation; providing for the veto by the Governor of only those items relating to the Executive Department that have been increased or added by the General Assembly; providing for the reversion to original appropriations of specified vetoed items in the budget bill; authorizing the General Assembly to override budget bill item vetoes; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, § 17 and Art. III, §§ 14 and 52(6) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 754 Delegates Carter and Glenn****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS – WRITTEN POLICY**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to adopt by January 1, 2017, a written policy and procedure to govern specified disciplinary actions that may be taken against a law enforcement officer who is a member of the law enforcement agency; requiring each written policy to include specified information; requiring, under specified circumstances, a law enforcement officer to be disciplined in accordance with a specified policy and procedure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-108 - amended and § 3-111.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 755 Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation****ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – BLACK BEARS – BAITING**

Prohibiting a person from taking or attempting to take black bears in Allegany County and Garrett County by the aid of baiting or within 150 yards of a baited area if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area; and providing that the Act does not prohibit the taking of black bears on specified crops, grain crops, or lands.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

NR, § 10-427 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 756 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MOTOR FUEL TAX EXEMPTION**

Authorizing the Washington County Board of Education to claim a refund of motor fuel tax paid on motor fuel purchased for use in vehicles owned by the Washington County Board of Education; authorizing a school bus operator under contract with the Washington County Board of Education to claim a refund of motor fuel tax paid on motor fuel purchased for use in vehicles used to transport Washington County public school students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 13-901(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 757 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE – FIRST DEGREE MURDER**

Altering the circumstances under which a person who is found guilty of murder in the first degree may be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole; establishing specified procedures for trial and sentencing in relation to the imposition of a sentence of life without the possibility of parole; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 2-201 and 2-305 - amended, §§ 2-202, 2-301, 2-303, and 2-401 - added, and §§ 2-203 and 2-304 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 758 Delegate O'Donnell, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – COUNTY OYSTER COMMITTEES**

Altering the structure, membership, and duties of county oyster committees in the State; repealing specified statewide advisory committees on the propagation of oysters in specified areas of the State; repealing specified selection processes for county oyster committees and establishing an election process for county oyster committees; altering the information that the Department of Natural Resources is required to report annually to each county oyster committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 4-1106 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 759 Delegates Lafferty and McIntosh****HOME ACT OF 2016**

Stating it is the intent of the General Assembly to deconcentrate poverty by providing additional opportunities for tenants utilizing public subsidies to live in neighborhoods other than the neighborhoods in which those individuals are currently and disproportionately residing; expanding the housing policy of the State regarding the provision of fair housing to include providing for fair housing regardless of source of income; prohibiting specified discriminatory acts based on a person's source of income; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 20-701, 20-702, 20-704, 20-705, 20-707, and 20-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 760 Delegate Carter, et al****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the requirements for making a specified complaint against a law enforcement officer for a reason that may lead to a specified action; altering the individuals who may conduct a specified investigation, interrogation, or hearing against a specified law enforcement officer; requiring confidentiality of specified information under specified circumstances; providing for the suspension of a law enforcement officer's police powers during a specified investigation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 3-101(c) and (d), 3-104, 3-106, 3-107(a), (c), and (d)(1), 3-108, 3-110(a), and 3-112(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 761 Cecil County Delegation****CECIL COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

Increasing, beginning July 1, 2016, from 33% to 38% the percentage of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the Cecil County facility that are paid to the video lottery operation licensee of the facility; requiring that 2% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the facility be spent on specified marketing, advertising, and promotion costs and capital improvements at the video lottery facility as a condition of receiving additional proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SG, § 9-1A-27(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 762 Delegate Buckel****TAX SALES – REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES**

Clarifying that specified costs incurred by the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed on redemption of the property; requiring specified payments for reimbursement to be made to the attorney for a holder of a certificate of sale or the holder of a certificate of sale and not the collector; providing that the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed \$500 for attorney's fees if an action to foreclose the right of redemption has not been filed and establishing that amount as reasonable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, §§ 14-833(a-1)(3)(v) and 14-843(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 763 Delegate Dumais****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – OPTIONAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES – DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS**

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to enforce an election of a specified optional retirement allowance in a specified domestic relations order under specified circumstances; and providing that a specified election in a specified domestic relations order supersedes a member's election of, receipt of, or failure to elect a specified optional retirement allowance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 21-401 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 764 Delegate Saab, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CHARITABLE GAMING**

Authorizing specified organizations in Anne Arundel County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under specified circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the County Department of Inspections and Permits; requiring an organization that seeks a permit to meet specified requirements; requiring an individual who volunteers as an operator of a card game, card tournament, or casino event to be at least 21 years of age; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 13-404 and 13-408 - amended and § 13-404.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 765 Delegate Hettleman, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – IRVINE NATURE CENTER NATIVE AMERICAN VILLAGE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Irvine Natural Science Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction and capital equipping of the Native American village site at the Irvine Nature Center, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 766**     **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – FISH AND FISHERIES**

Clarifying the uses of the Fisheries Research and Development Fund; altering the standards, procedures, and requirements governing scientific collection permits for fisheries; clarifying the minimum publication frequency of specified public notices for specified regulations; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue specified annual complimentary fishing licenses to specified individuals; establishing specified maximums for the number of specified outstanding complimentary fishing licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

NR, Various Sections - amended, §§ 4-212, 4-618, and 4-716 - repealed, and § 4-212 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 767**     **Cecil County Delegation**

**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CECIL COUNTY – YMCA OF CECIL COUNTY OUTDOOR POOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Cecil County, Inc. for aquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of an outdoor pool for the YMCA of Cecil County, located in Cecil County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 768**     **Delegate McComas, et al**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE TRAINING REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTIONS**

Providing an exception to the completion of the firearms safety training course requirement for obtaining a handgun qualification license to specified retired out-of-state law enforcement officers under specified circumstances and to specified correctional officers and deputies from Cecil, Carroll, and Harford counties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-117.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 769 Delegate McComas, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT – TEMPORARY TRAINING WAIVER**

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police, on making a determination that an applicant has demonstrated evidence of imminent danger to the applicant, to temporarily waive a specified requirement to complete a specified firearms training course; and requiring a specified permit to require completion of a specified course within 60 days after the issuance of the permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-306(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 770 Delegate D. Barnes, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – NONVIOLENT FELONIES – STET, SHIELDING, AND EXPUNGEMENT**

Requiring a court to dispose of a charge for a nonviolent felony by stet if the court finds that the disposition is in the interest of justice; authorizing a person to file a petition to shield a conviction for a nonviolent felony in accordance with specified provisions of law no earlier than 3 years after the person satisfies specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, §§ 10-401 through 10-404 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 771 Delegate D. Barnes, et al****PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT DIABETES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish specified guidelines for the training of employees to become trained diabetes care providers; establishing that the purpose of the Student Diabetes Management Program is to have trained employee volunteers available to provide diabetes care services to students with diabetes during school hours and, when possible, at school-sponsored activities, including field trips and extracurricular activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 7-438 and 7-439 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means



**HB 772 Delegate Moon, et al****FAMILY LAW – PROTECTING THE RESOURCES OF CHILDREN IN STATE CUSTODY**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources to take specified actions when serving as a representative payee or fiduciary for specified federal benefits for a child in the Department's custody; requiring the Department to provide specified notice to the child, through the child's attorney, of specified actions taken with respect to specified benefits for the child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 5-527.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 773 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al****DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – EVIDENCE OF BLOOD TEST**

Providing that, if a law enforcement officer testifies that the officer witnessed the taking of a blood specimen by a person who the officer reasonably believed was a qualified medical person, the officer's testimony shall be sufficient evidence that the person was a qualified medical person without testimony by the person who obtained the blood specimen; repealing specified procedures relating to the admissibility of evidence of a blood test in a prosecution for specified drunk or drugged driving offenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 10-304(a)(2) and (c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 774 Delegate Adams, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – DORCHESTER COUNTY – DORCHESTER COUNTY FAMILY YMCA**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Dorchester County Family YMCA, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Dorchester County Family YMCA building, located in Dorchester County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 775 Delegate Healey, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – TOBACCO PRODUCTS – MINIMUM AGE**

Altering the age requirements for specified provisions of law relating to tobacco products; prohibiting a person from selling or dispensing tobacco products through a vending machine unless the machine is located in an establishment that an individual under the age of 21 years is prohibited by law from entering; prohibiting the distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to an individual under the age of 21 years except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 16-3A-02, CR, §§ 10-107 and 10-108, HG, §§ 13-1015 and 24-305(b) and (d), LG, § 1-1203, and SF, § 7-317 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 776 Delegates Kipke and Simonaire****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – LAKE SHORE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lake Shore Athletic Association, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Lake Shore Athletic Association facilities, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 777 Delegate B. Wilson, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SMOKING OR CONSUMING MARIJUANA IN A PUBLIC PLACE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from smoking or consuming marijuana in a public place, in or on a public conveyance, or in any specified area otherwise accessible to the public; and establishing a criminal penalty of a fine not to exceed \$500.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 5-601(c)(4) - repealed and § 5-601.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 778 Delegates M. Washington and Luedtke****EDUCATION – STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES – PARENTAL  
CONSENT FOR INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTENT**

Requiring specified individualized education program teams to obtain a specified written consent before implementing specified actions except in specified circumstances; requiring a specified individualized education program team to send a written notice to parents who have not provided written consent to a specified action under specified circumstances; and authorizing a specified individualized education program team to use specified dispute resolution options in specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 8-405(f) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 779 Delegate Parrott****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WASHINGTON COUNTY – LOCAL  
PENALTIES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County to impose a fine not exceeding \$200 on an employee of a holder of an alcoholic beverages license in the County if the employee violates a specified provision of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AB, § 31-2702 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 780 Delegate C. Wilson, et al****INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**

Establishing an income tax checkoff system for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on the individual income tax return; requiring the Comptroller to collect and account for contributions made through the checkoff system and to credit the proceeds to the Fund after deducting the amount necessary to administer the checkoff system; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, §§ 2-115 and 10-804(l) - added and SG, § 9-913(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 781 Delegate C. Wilson, et al****EDUCATION – ASSESSMENTS – REPORTING OF AGGREGATE RESULTS**

Prohibiting the State Department of Education from including the scores of students with disabilities or English language learners when calculating or reporting any aggregate results of the assessment aligned with the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 782 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORT SECURITY FREEZES – PROHIBITION ON FEES AND REQUIRED NOTICES**

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a consumer a fee for placing a security freeze or for the first two temporary lifts of a security freeze in a calendar year if the consumer has received a notice of a breach of the security of a system under specified provisions of State or federal law, and provides a copy of the notice to the consumer reporting agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, §§ 14-1212.1(i) and (j) and 14-3504(g) and SG, § 10-1035(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 783 Delegate Gutierrez, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – COLLECTION AND SALE OF CONSUMER DEBT – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting a debt collector from attempting to collect a debt unless the debt collector possesses specified verifiable information; requiring a specified affidavit to meet specified requirements; prohibiting supporting documents in a civil action, including affidavits, from being created solely for the purpose of filing a civil action; prohibiting an original creditor from selling a specified debt; requiring an original creditor to provide specified documentation to a debt buyer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, §§ 14-201 and 14-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 784 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al****SALES AND USE TAX – BABY DIAPERS – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of baby diapers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-211(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 785 Delegate Anderson, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – MOTORCYCLE PROFILING – TRAINING**

Requiring the Police Training Commission to require a specified statement condemning motorcycle profiling to be included in existing written policies regarding other profiling; requiring the Commission to include in a specified curriculum and courses of study training on motorcycle profiling in conjunction with existing training regarding other profiling; and defining the term “motorcycle profiling”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 3-201(e) and 3-207(18) - added and § 3-207(17) and (18) -amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 786 Delegate Morales, et al****WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending for an additional year to June 30, 2017, the termination date for the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a supplemental report on or before December 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Chapter 91 of the Acts of 2015, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 787 Delegate Korman, et al****ELECTRICITY – ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (STORAGE TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRIC POWER (STEP) ACT)**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to open a proceeding to determine appropriate targets and policies for specified electric companies to procure energy storage systems by January 1, 2021, and January 1, 2026; providing for the consideration of specified matters in the proceeding; requiring the Commission to adopt targets by October 1, 2018; requiring the Commission to reevaluate specified determinations in a specified manner; providing for the scope and application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, §§ 7-801 through 7-808 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 788 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Minority Affairs)****PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – PROGRAM OVERSIGHT AND CONTINUATION**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs to establish specified guidelines, ensure agency compliance, provide specified training and assistance to agency personnel, and collect specified data relating to the Small Business Reserve Program; and repealing a specified termination provision that applies to the Small Business Reserve Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SF, § 14-503 and Chapter 75 of the Acts of 2004, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 789 Delegate Rosenberg****TAX PROCEDURE – ASSESSMENTS, PENALTIES, AND INTEREST RATE ON TAX DEFICIENCIES AND REFUNDS**

Altering the contents of the report of federal adjustment a person shall submit to a tax collector under specified circumstances; altering the calculation of the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds to provide that the rate is one-twelfth of the underpayment rate then in effect under § 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code; requiring the Comptroller to assess, in addition to specified penalties, a penalty against a person subject to a penalty under § 6662 of the Internal Revenue Code; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

TG, §§ 13-409 and 13-604 - amended and § 13-718 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 790 Delegate Wivell****WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED VETERANS**

Authorizing the governing body of Washington County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified residential property owned by specified disabled veterans of active military, naval, or air service; providing for the amount of the property tax credit; requiring specified disabled veterans or surviving spouses to provide specified documents when applying for the property tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-323(g) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 791 Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Creating in Carroll County a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) tasting license; specifying that the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners may issue the license to a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license; authorizing the license holder to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting under specified circumstances; requiring the Board to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to specified individuals; establishing an annual license fee of \$150 in addition to the cost of a BWL license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 16-308.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 792 Delegate McCray, et al****PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS – PAYROLL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (THE TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2016)**

Applying specified payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law to specified contractors under specified public work contracts with a value of at least \$400,000; and providing that specified contractors under specified public work contracts with a value of less than \$500,000 are not required to comply with specified payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, §§ 17-202(b) and 17-220 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 793 Delegate Impallaria, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – CENTER FOR THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS AMPHITHEATER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Center for the Visual and Performing Arts Amphitheater, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 794 Delegate Gutierrez, et al****PUBLIC BANKING INSTITUTIONS – AUTHORIZATION AND TASK FORCE**

Authorizing a political subdivision to establish a public banking institution within the jurisdiction of the political subdivision and act as an incorporator to establish the public banking institution; establishing the Maryland State Banking Task Force to review and evaluate the creation of a Maryland State Bank; requiring that on or before December 1, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

FI, § 1-212 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 795 Delegate P. Young, et al****MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Requiring the Maryland Environmental Service, consistent with specified provisions of law, to recognize and deal with specified employee organizations, to collectively bargain, and to enter into specified types of agreements applicable to specified State employees; and providing for an exception to an exemption from specified provisions of State personnel law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, §§ 3-103.1 and 3-103.2 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations



**HB 796 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW – ACTIONS FOR REPOSSESSION (FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY FOR BALTIMORE CITY RENTERS ACT)**

Repealing and adding specified provisions in the Public Local Laws of Baltimore City concerning landlord and tenant law and the repossession of premises; requiring a landlord to maintain specified records for payments of rent and other charges; establishing specified procedures for repossession by a landlord when a tenant fails to pay rent when due; requiring a sheriff to serve a specified summons in a specified manner; establishing a specified tenant legal assistance special fund and a \$30 surcharge on the filing of an eviction complaint; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 9-1 through 9-7 - repealed, §§ 9-1 through 9-3 - added, and §§ 9-8, 9-9(d), and 9-14.2(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 797 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)****NONTIDAL WETLANDS – NONTIDAL WETLAND MITIGATION BANKING**

Repealing a requirement that the Department of the Environment develop standards and adopt regulations to establish specified compensation ratios for mitigation through mitigation banks; altering a requirement that the Department develop standards and adopt regulations to establish specified public notice and comment requirements; repealing a requirement that specified standards and regulations adopted by the Department ensure that on-site mitigation is examined before conducting mitigation off site; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EN, §§ 5-901(k) and 5-910 - amended and § 5-901(k) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 798**     **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that an annual report be filed with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, dental plan organizations, and specified other persons or entities regarding a summary description of specified clinical issues and diagnostic and therapeutic services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

IN, §§ 15-123(k) and 15-10B-05(b) - repealed and §§ 15-123(l), (m), and (n), 15-605(a), and 15-10B-05(c), (d), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 799**     **Delegate O'Donnell**

**AQUACULTURE – LIABILITY FOR TRESPASS**

Establishing that specified persons who enter in a specified manner an area leased to another person for aquaculture purposes and cause specified harm are liable to the leaseholder or any agent, employee, business partner, or contractor of the leaseholder for specified civil damages in the same manner that the persons would be liable to the leaseholder of the lease for specified civil damages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 4-11A-16.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 800**     **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – PAYMENTS TO NONCONTRACTING SPECIALISTS AND NONCONTRACTING NONPHYSICIAN SPECIALISTS**

Requiring, under specified circumstances, specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and dental plan organizations to pay an amount that is at least equal to 140% of the rate paid by the Medicare program, as published by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, for covered services provided to a member by noncontracting specialists and noncontracting nonphysician specialists when a referral is granted to the member.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

IN, § 15-830 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 801**     **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Repealing provisions of law permitting specified preexisting condition limitations in group and blanket health insurance contracts and policies; altering provisions of law relating to specified preexisting condition exclusions in individual health benefit plans to comply with requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

IN, §§ 15-137.1(b), 15-508.1, 15-10D-01(k), 15-1206(c), 15-1208.1, and 15-1208.2(d) - amended and § 15-508 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 802**     **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANEL LISTS**

Altering the information about providers on a provider panel that insurance carriers must make available to specified enrollees under specified circumstances; requiring the information provided in printed form to be accurate on the date of publication; requiring the information provided on the Internet to be accurate on the date of initial posting and update; requiring a carrier to demonstrate the accuracy of certain information on request of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

IN, § 15-112(j) and (m) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 803**     **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

**LIFE INSURANCE – FREEDOM TO TRAVEL ACT**

Prohibiting an insurer from taking specified actions relating to life insurance coverage solely for reasons associated with an applicant's or insured's future lawful travel; establishing a specified exception related to bona fide differences in risk or exposure; and requiring an insurer to maintain specified data and documents that support the insurer's determination that bona fide differences in risk or exposure exist and to make the data and documents available on request from the Maryland Insurance Commissioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 27-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 804 Delegate P. Young, et al****PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS – SEMESTER HOUR MAXIMUMS**

Providing that specified public institutions of higher education will satisfy a specified general education program requirement by requiring a specified baccalaureate program to include a minimum of 40 semester hours and not more than 46 semester hours of required core courses; authorizing specified public institutions of higher education to include one additional 3 semester hour course in excess of a specified maximum semester hours amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 15-119 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 805 Delegate Beidle, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOCYCLES – STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing that an autocycle is considered to be a motorcycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining the term “autocycle” to include a motor vehicle manufactured in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standards applicable to motorcycles; establishing specified driver’s licensing requirements for an operator of an autocycle; restricting the course of instruction for motorcycle safety courses to the use and operation of specified motorcycles; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TR, § 11-103.3 - added and §§ 11-136, 16-104.1, 16-601, 21-1302(d) and (e), 22-412, and 23-104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 806 Delegate Impallaria****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HARFORD COUNTY – LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES AND REPEALING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS**

Repealing specified obsolete provisions relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County; and altering the fees for specified alcoholic beverages licenses and permits in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 22-701 and 22-1304 - repealed, § 22-1312 - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 807 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – DIAPERS – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of diapers; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TG, § 11-211(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 808 Delegate Tarlau, et al****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – DAMAGED OR DANGLING UTILITY LINES – FINE**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to notify a specified person about a damaged or dangling line on a utility pole under specified circumstances; requiring a specified person to investigate and, where appropriate, repair a damaged or dangling line within 30 days after receiving notice from the Commission; and requiring the Commission to impose a maximum fine of \$250 on a specified person that fails to repair a damaged or dangling line within the 30-day period.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 5-107 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 809 Delegate B. Wilson, et al****MARIJUANA – SMOKING OR CONSUMING IN A VEHICLE OR VESSEL – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from smoking or otherwise consuming marijuana while operating or attempting to operate a vessel; prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle from smoking or otherwise consuming marijuana in the motor vehicle on a highway; prohibiting a passenger of a motor vehicle on a highway from smoking marijuana in a passenger area of the motor vehicle or consuming marijuana in an area of the motor vehicle that is readily accessible to the driver of the motor vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 8-738.3 and TR, § 21-903.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 810 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – FEES AND ENFORCEMENT**

Increasing the annual fee required to be paid to the Department of the Environment for specified affected properties from \$30 to \$75; increasing the processing fee required to be submitted with a report that a rental dwelling unit is lead free from \$10 to \$75; requiring the Department to use the additional revenue from the increase in fees for a specified purpose; and requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly, on or before October 1 each year, on the implementation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, § 6-843 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 811 Delegate Morales, et al****JUVENILE SERVICES – CHILD VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Providing that, if a complaint filed with a Department of Juvenile Services intake officer alleges that a child violated specified laws relating to prostitution, the intake officer shall refuse authorization to file a delinquency petition with the juvenile court, shall immediately refer the child to a program that provides services for victims of human trafficking, may authorize shelter care, and, under specified circumstances, shall notify the local department of social services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 3-8A-10(o) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 812 Delegate Healey, et al****BUSINESS RELIEF AND TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2016**

Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from imposing a fee for the filing of specified documents by corporations or business entities with 10 or fewer employees; requiring specified corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a specified combined reporting method; requiring, subject to specified regulations, specified groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CA, § 1-203(b)(3)(ii) and TG, § 10-811 - amended and TG, §§ 10-402.1 and 10-402.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 813 Delegate Haynes, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – EMPLOYEE RIGHTS – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND MARYLAND WHISTLEBLOWER LAW**

Making specified provisions of law that relate to the Equal Employment Opportunity Program and Maryland Whistleblower Law applicable to the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College; requiring specified boards of specified public institutions of higher education to adopt regulations; requiring that specified personnel actions be made in a specified manner; providing for specified options for specified complaint or grievance procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SP, §§ 5-201, 5-202, 5-204 through 5-209, 5-213, 5-301, 5-303, 5-304, 5-305, 5-307, and 5-309 - amended and § 5-301 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 814 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH COURTS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Health Courts; requiring the Task Force to study the adequacy and cost of State laws and policies relating to the litigation of medical malpractice cases and make recommendations regarding the establishment of health courts to hear medical malpractice cases and the feasibility of assigning a medical malpractice case to a single judge throughout the litigation process; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 815 Cecil County Delegation****HORSE RACING – FAIR HILL – ARABIAN BREED RACING AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a licensee at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area to conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 11-705 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means



**HB 816 Cecil County Delegation****CECIL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Providing the salary of the Sheriff of Cecil County beginning with the term of office that begins in fiscal year 2019 to be an amount equal to the salary of the county executive of Cecil County at the beginning of the Sheriff's term of office; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 2-309(i)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 817 Delegate Conaway****UNLAWFUL USE OF OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES –  
REPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Repealing the requirement that a court notify the Motor Vehicle Administration if a person is convicted of unlawfully using an off-highway recreational vehicle on a highway; repealing the requirement that the Administration suspend the driver's license of a person convicted of unlawfully using an off-highway recreational vehicle on a highway; repealing the requirement that a court notify the Administration if a person is convicted of a violation related to dispensing motor fuel into a dirt bike in Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 3-8A-19(e)(5) - repealed and CJ, § 3-8A-23(a)(3) and (5) and TR, §§ 13-401(b), 16-206(b)(2) and (4) and (c)(3), and 21-1128 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 818 Delegate A. Miller, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY  
DAMAGE CAUSED BY TREE**

Establishing that a land owner is liable for damages for personal injury or property damage on adjoining residential property caused by a defect in the condition of a tree on the land owner's land under specified circumstances; requiring a homeowner's insurance policy issued or renewed on or after October 1, 2016, for property located in or adjacent to a residential area to include coverage for potential liability under the Act; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 3-2101 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Economic Matters



**HB 819 Delegate Atterbeary, et al****DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS – PROBATION AND SUSPENDED SENTENCE**

Specifying that, for purposes of provisions of law requiring a court to issue a permanent final protective order under specified circumstances against an individual who was convicted and sentenced to serve a specified term of imprisonment for specified crimes, a term of imprisonment includes any period of probation or portion of the sentence suspended.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 4-506(k) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 820 Delegate Lam, et al****REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION FOR THE UNDERSERVED THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (THE REDUCE ACT)**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to require an applicant for a specified permit to construct or modify a specified source to report to the Department specified information regarding the diesel vehicles that are needed during the construction and operation of a source or proposed source and to solicit input on specified issues from the affected community and any community advisory board or similar organization in the affected area; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, § 2-404.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 821 Delegate Korman, et al****ENERGY STORAGE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (STORAGE TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRIC POWER (STEP) ACT)**

Establishing a specified energy storage portfolio standard in the State; requiring specified electricity suppliers to comply with the energy storage portfolio standard by specified dates; requiring specified storage capacity to be sufficient to provide electricity at a specified capacity for a specified period; providing that specified energy storage devices may be used to comply with the energy storage portfolio standard, with specified exceptions; providing for the creation and use of energy storage credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, §§ 7-801 through 7-808 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05(i) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 822 Delegate Atterbeary, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – ALTERING REFERENCES FROM MENTALLY DEFECTIVE TO SUBSTANTIALLY COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUAL**

Altering references to the term “mentally defective” individual to “substantially cognitively impaired” individual in provisions of law concerning specified sexual offenses and in provisions of law concerning the licensing of specified individuals to engage in business as an explosives manufacturer or dealer or to possess explosives for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 3-301, 3-304(a)(2), 3-306(a)(2), and 3-307(a)(2) and PS, § 11-107(b)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 823 Delegate Morales, et al****GENERAL PROVISIONS – OPEN MEETINGS ACT – ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING**

Authorizing the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board, under specified circumstances, to issue specified orders and impose specified civil penalties not to exceed \$500; expanding the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act to include all employees, officials, and members of a public body; requiring that specified individuals complete specified training on the Open Meetings Act within 90 days of becoming an employee, an official, or a member of a public body; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, §§ 3-209 and 3-210 - repealed and §§ 3-211 and 3-213 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 824    Cecil County Delegation****CECIL COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – TRAVELING EXPENSE ALLOWANCE AND PENSION**

Increasing the allowance for traveling expenses for the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County from \$780 to \$1,600; requiring the county to pay a pension to specified former judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County; providing that a judge of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County who has completed at least 12 years of service is eligible for a pension; applying the Act retroactively to affect any individual who on or after July 1, 2014, was serving as an elected or appointed Orphans’ Court Judge in Cecil County; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ET, § 2-108(a), (i), and (y) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 825    Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al****CHILD PROTECTION – REPORTING – THREAT OF HARM**

Authorizing an individual to notify the local department of social services or the appropriate law enforcement agency if the individual has reason to believe that a verbal threat of imminent severe bodily harm or death to a child has been made by a specified individual and that the child is at substantial risk of child abuse; specifying the procedures and requirements for a report concerning a verbal threat of harm to a child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, §§ 5-704.1 and 5-706.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 826    Delegate Adams, et al****PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – REPOSITORY INVENTORY REQUIREMENT – REVISION**

Requiring a repository that participates in the Prescription Drug Repository Program to maintain a separate inventory of donated prescription drugs and medical supplies that the repository intends to dispense under a specified provision of law, instead of a separate inventory of all donated prescription drugs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 15-605 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 827     Delegate O'Donnell****NEWBORN INFANT SCREENING – TESTING BY NONPUBLIC LABORATORIES – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing specified laboratories to perform specified screening tests for hereditary and congenital disorders under specified circumstances; authorizing a parent or guardian of a newborn infant to request that a specified laboratory perform specified initial tests to screen for hereditary and congenital disorders; requiring a health care provider to obtain and deliver test specimens to screen for hereditary and congenital disorders to an authorized laboratory chosen by the parent or guardian to perform the screening tests; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 13-111(d) and 13-112 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 828     Delegate Ebersole, et al****SPECIAL ELECTIONS – VOTING BY MAIL – CANVASS OF VOTES**

Authorizing a local board of elections to commence the canvass of vote-by-mail ballots cast in a special election conducted by mail at 2 p.m. on the day of a special election; authorizing the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations authorizing a local board to commence the canvass of vote-by-mail ballots before 2 p.m. on the day of a special election; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations that provide for public observation of the canvass of vote-by-mail ballots; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, § 9-506 - added and §§ 9-506 and 11-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 829     Delegate S. Robinson, et al****AGRICULTURE – CATTLE, SWINE, AND POULTRY – USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL DRUGS**

Prohibiting a specified owner of cattle, swine, or poultry from administering or authorizing an agent to administer specified antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, or poultry without a prescription or veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with specified conditions; requiring a veterinarian who issues a veterinary feed directive to submit to the Department of Agriculture specified information in a specified manner; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AG, §§ 3-1001 through 3-1006 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 830 Delegate Kipke, et al**

DENTAL HYGIENISTS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE – AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE UNDER GENERAL SUPERVISION OF LICENSED DENTISTS (ORAL HEALTH ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED MARYLANDERS ACT)

Altering a specified provision of law to provide that a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in a specified facility with a population that lacks direct access to dental care, rather than only in a long-term care facility; altering the requirements that a dental hygienist is required to meet before being authorized to practice dental hygiene under general supervision of a licensed dentist in a specified facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, § 4-308(m) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 831 Washington County Delegation**

WASHINGTON COUNTY – COLLECTION OF FEES, CHARGES, PENALTIES, AND ASSESSMENTS

Authorizing Washington County to include, for the purpose of collection, unpaid allocation fees, water and sewerage charges, penalties, and assessments on annual tax bills; and requiring that the fees, charges, penalties, and assessments be collected in the same manner as ordinary taxes, subject to the same interest and penalty for nonpayment as provided by law for the nonpayment of county taxes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of Washington Co, Art. 22, § 6-309 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 832 Cecil County Delegation**

CECIL COUNTY – MARRIAGE LICENSES – APPLICATIONS

Repealing the requirement that, in Cecil County, both parties to be married appear together before the clerk to apply for a marriage license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 2-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 833 Delegate Ebersole, et al****AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSFER TAX – CALCULATION**

Altering the definition of “agricultural land transfer tax” and defining “total rate of tax” to provide that, for purposes of specified provisions of law concerning the calculation of the agricultural land transfer tax, the tax does not include a specified surcharge; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, §§ 13-301, 13-303, and 13-407 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 834 Delegates Rosenberg and Lierman****HIGHER EDUCATION – LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Last Dollar Scholarship; establishing specified application requirements; authorizing the use of the Scholarship for specified costs at specified institutions of higher education subject to a specified limitation; limiting the Scholarship to a maximum of \$3,000 per academic year; authorizing the Scholarship to be renewed for up to an additional 4 years under specified circumstances; and requiring the Governor to appropriate at least \$1,000,000 in the State budget to provide specified scholarships.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 18-2902 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 835 Cecil County Delegation****LOCAL FACILITY CLOSURE RESERVE FUNDS – INVESTMENTS AND REINVESTMENTS**

Authorizing the trustees or other officers in charge of specified facility closure reserve funds to invest and reinvest money in a specified manner and sell, redeem, or exchange specified investments or reinvestments; requiring the trustees or other officers in charge of the funds to comply with specified fiduciary standards; authorizing a political subdivision or unit of a political subdivision to enter into a specified agreement; altering the definition of “public money” as it relates to local government investment guidelines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, §§ 17-102 and 17-201 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 836 Delegate Arentz, et al****EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – NOTICE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND THREATS TO SAFETY**

Requiring a faculty member, teacher, or specified other employee of a specified educational institution to immediately notify an administrator if the individual observes or receives information about specified criminal activity or potential threats; requiring the administrator to forward specified information to an appropriate law enforcement agency as soon as practicable; providing that a specified individual is not subject to liability or disciplinary action arising solely from providing specified notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 27-101 through 27-104 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

**HB 837 Delegate Haynes, et al****STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – POLICIES CONCERNING PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS**

Requiring that specified policies of public senior higher education institutions promote specified purposes and be similar to specified provisions concerning required clauses for procurement contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 11-203(e) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 838 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al****CIVIL IMMUNITY – EMERGENCY CARE FOR DRUG OVERDOSE – PROTOCOLS**

Providing that a specified person is not civilly liable for specified acts or omissions in administering medications or treatment approved for use in response to an apparent drug overdose only if the person is acting in accordance with the protocols established for the person's license or certification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-603 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 839 Delegate Lam, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES – RESERVED PARKING SPACES**

Prohibiting a person from parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in electric drive vehicle connected for charging purposes in a parking space that is designated for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles have green pavement markings; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces for purposes of complying with specified zoning or parking laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, §§ 21-1003.2 and 27-116 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 840 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – THEATER LICENSE**

Altering the scope of the Maryland Ensemble Theatre alcoholic beverages license in Frederick County so that it may be issued to all theaters with seating for 200 or fewer individuals per performance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1013 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 841 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOTEL LOBBY LICENSE**

Establishing in Frederick County a hotel lobby license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use by a hotel that does not have a restaurant; establishing that the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine by the bottle to patrons of the hotel for on-premises consumption; providing for the hours of sale; and specifying an annual license fee of \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1007.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters



**HB 842 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART GALLERY BEER AND WINE LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue an art gallery beer and wine license to nonprofit and for-profit retail businesses that display and sell original artwork by an individual or a group of artists; prohibiting a specified type of business from being issued the license; specifying that a holder of the license may sell or serve beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption when snacks are served during specified hours; specifying a \$100 license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1001 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 843 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Establishing in Frederick County a beauty salon beer and wine license; requiring that a recipient of the license be a holder of a beauty salon permit; authorizing a license holder to provide beer and wine by the glass for consumption by a customer receiving cosmetology services or when a fund-raising event is held; prohibiting the license from being transferred to another location; specifying a \$100 annual license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1001.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 844 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM – ABSENCE FROM LICENSED PREMISES**

Authorizing in Frederick County an individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program to be absent from a licensed premises for a personal or business reason under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1903 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 845 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – MODIFICATIONS – LOCAL ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring Washington County to implement and enforce modifications of the Maryland Building Performance Standards adopted by the State no later than 6 months after adoption for specified portions of the Standards, starting with modifications that are effective on January 1, 2015, and every 6 years thereafter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 12-505 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 846 Delegate Rey, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – CRIME GUN REPORTING AND ANALYSIS**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to report specified information to the Department of State Police within 24 hours after the seizure or recovery of a firearm relating to a crime, with specified exceptions; requiring the Department, on or before January 31 of each year, to submit to the General Assembly a report and statistical analysis on all firearms relating to a crime recovered in the State during the previous calendar year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

PS, §§ 5-601 through 5-604 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 847 Delegate Rey, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – DEFINITION**

Altering definitions of “crime of violence” to conform to a specified other definition of “crime of violence”; providing that a specified definition of “crime of violence” applies to specified uses of the term in specified provisions of law; and altering the list of crimes that are included in the definition of a “crime of violence”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 3-2011(a) and CR and PS, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 848 Delegate Lam, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – CAUSING DIESEL EMISSIONS TO DISCHARGE  
ONTO ANOTHER – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from causing a diesel-powered motor vehicle to emit excess smoke, soot, or other exhaust emissions onto another person or motor vehicle; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-1130 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 849 Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – RENTAL DWELLING UNITS – CARBON  
MONOXIDE ALARMS**

Altering specified requirements relating to carbon monoxide alarms as the requirements apply to rental dwelling units; requiring specified rental dwelling units, on or after April 1, 2018, to have a specified carbon monoxide alarm installed in a specified manner, subject to a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 12-1101, 12-1102, and 12-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 850 Delegate McComas, et al****CHILD SUPPORT – HEALTH INSURANCE – DEFINITION**

Defining the term “health insurance” to include medical insurance, dental insurance, and vision insurance for purposes of calculating a child support obligation under the child support guidelines.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 12-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 851 Delegate Healey, et al****COUNTIES – PAID SICK LEAVE FOR LIMITED–TERM GRANT–FUNDED EMPLOYEES – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a county to provide an employee whose position is funded through a limited–term grant with paid sick leave in the same manner and to the same extent that the county provides paid sick leave to an employee in an equivalent position that is not funded through a limited–term grant.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, § 9-114 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 852 Delegate Lisanti, et al****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – TIE VOTES**

Requiring a municipality to establish a procedure for resolving a tie vote in an election for a municipal officer; and providing that the procedure may be established by ordinance or charter amendment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, § 4-108.4 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 853 Delegate Lisanti, et al****ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES – DISBURSEMENTS BY DEBIT AND CREDIT CARDS**

Authorizing campaign finance entities to make disbursements by debit and credit cards.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

EL, § 13-220(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 854 Delegate Lisanti, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – RELOCATION OF WATER OR SEWER LINES – COST SHARING**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to notify the political subdivision or agency that owns a water or sewer line that must be relocated due to a federal project of the cost of the relocation; requiring the Administration to develop a plan to share the cost of the relocation with the political subdivision or agency that owns the water or sewer line as part of the cost of the federal project; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TR, § 8-657 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 855 Delegate Morales, et al****CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION – DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES EMPLOYEES – REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION AND REINSTATEMENT**

Authorizing the Correctional Training Commission to revoke the certification of a Department of Juvenile Services employee in conjunction with specified disciplinary actions; authorizing the court to reinstate the certification of a correctional officer with no further examination or condition under specified circumstances; and authorizing the Office of Administrative Hearings to reinstate the certification of a Department of Juvenile Services employee with no further examination or condition under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, § 8-209.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 856 Delegate Carter****STATE AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS – LIABILITY INSURANCE – REQUIRED**

Providing that the liability of a local government for a specified judgment is subject to specified law; providing that the authority of a local government to indemnify an employee under specified circumstances is subject to specified law; providing that the immunity of State personnel under specified circumstances is subject to specified law; prohibiting the Police Training Commission from certifying an individual as a police officer except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 5-303 and 5-522, PS, § 3-209, and SG, § 12-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 857 Delegates Carter and Glenn****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING – REQUIRED**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to order a law enforcement officer to submit to specified alcohol and drug testing if the officer was involved in an incident in which the officer discharged a firearm or an electronic control device or caused a motor vehicle accident.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 858 Delegate Smith, et al****ENTERPRISE ZONE INCOME TAX CREDIT – EXPANSION**

Altering the definition of “economically disadvantaged individual” to include specified ex-felons for the purpose of the State income tax credit authorized for business entities that hire specified economically disadvantaged individuals in enterprise zones; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-702 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 859 Frederick County Delegation****PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE RATE – APPLICABILITY TO PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN FREDERICK COUNTY**

Providing that the prevailing wage rate that became effective on a specified date does not apply to procurement contracts executed on or after the effective date of the Act for specified public school construction projects in Frederick County; authorizing Frederick County and specified contractors voluntarily to renegotiate and agree to be bound by the prevailing wage rate in effect on a prior date with regard to specified previously executed public school construction procurement contracts; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 860 Delegate Tarlau, et al****PREVAILING WAGE LAW – APPLICABILITY TO THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND**

Providing that the State prevailing wage law applies to a procurement for a public work contract by the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SF, § 11-203(e)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 861 Delegate Healey, et al****ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – REGULATION AND TAXATION**

Altering specified definitions and defining specified terms for the purpose of applying specified provisions of law regulating the sale, manufacture, distribution, possession, and use of cigarettes and tobacco products and paraphernalia to electronic smoking devices; altering the definition of “cigarette” for the purpose of applying the provisions of law related to the tobacco tax to the sale of electronic smoking devices; repealing an obsolete provision of law; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, CL, CR, HG, LE, PU, and TG, Various Sections - amended and HG, § 24-305 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

**HB 862 Delegate Frush, et al****MARYLAND REDEEMABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING REFUND AND LITTER REDUCTION ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program; requiring the Maryland Environmental Service to develop, implement, and administer the Program; requiring that every redeemable beverage container sold in the State indicate a 5-cent refund value in a specified manner on and after July 1, 2017; requiring that a specified refund value be added to the retail price of a specified container at the time of purchase on and after a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, §§ 9-1733 through 9-1742, NR, § 3-105(g), and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.- amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

**HB 863 Delegate Hill, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – CALIBRATION CHECKS**

Increasing the frequency of periodic calibration checks of speed monitoring systems; requiring a calibration check of a speed monitoring system when the software is upgraded; and requiring a local jurisdiction with a speed monitoring program to publish online specified information about the speed monitoring system under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-809(b)(4) and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 864 Delegate Smith, et al****AGGRESSIVE DRUNK DRIVING – PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

Providing that a person with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more in the blood or breath who causes personal injury or wrongful death while operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle is liable for punitive damages under the Act; providing that punitive damages under the Act may not be awarded in the absence of an award of compensatory damages; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CJ, § 10-913.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 865 Delegate Hill, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – MOTOR VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS FOR PERMANENTLY WHEELCHAIR DEPENDENT INDIVIDUALS – COVERAGE**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified health insurance benefits under specified health insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage one time for adaptive equipment for or other modifications to the motor vehicle of a permanently wheelchair dependent individual under specified circumstances; providing that the required coverage may be subject to specified deductibles or coinsurance requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 15-850 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 866 Delegates Rosenberg and Dumais****CIVIL RIGHT TO COUNSEL – PILOT PROGRAM – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill for each fiscal year a specified appropriation to fund a pilot program in specified counties to provide legal representation to income-eligible parties in protective order proceedings; requiring a specified amount to be allocated to specified programs; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

FL, § 4-512.2 and CJ, § 13-103 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 867 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – CONTRIBUTIONS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – PROCESS**

Altering the process by which the County Commissioners of Washington County make contributions to specified nonprofit organizations in Washington County; altering the deadline for submission of applications for contributions; requiring the County Commissioners to hold a public hearing on the applications; authorizing the County Commissioners to remove specified organizations from a specified list and, on request by the organization, to revise or amend the name of an organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of Washington Co, Art. 22, § 1-108 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 868 Delegate McKay****WASHINGTON COUNTY – FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE SERVICE – LOCAL AUTHORITY**

Providing that the County Commissioners of Washington County are the ultimate authority having jurisdiction over the provision of fire, rescue, and ambulance services in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of Washington Co, Art. 22, § 10-402 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 869 Delegates Carter and Sydnor****CIVIL ACTIONS – NONECONOMIC DAMAGES – CATASTROPHIC INJURY**

Altering the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in health care malpractice and other civil actions for a catastrophic injury under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-2A-09(a) and (b) and 11-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 870 Delegate Parrott****NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK FLY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL – WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a program to control the spread of black flies in the State; requiring that the program be implemented initially on specified property in Washington County; requiring the Department, in conjunction with the University of Maryland's Department of Entomology, to conduct the program in a specified manner; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to accept, use, or expend any aid, gift, or grant made available from any private or public source to implement the program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, §§ 8-2201 through 8-2205 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 871 Delegate Parrott****AGREEMENTS TO DEFEND OR PAY THE COST OF DEFENSE – VOID**

Providing that specified provisions in a contract or an agreement relating to architectural, engineering, inspecting, or surveying services that purport to require the promisor or indemnitor to defend or pay the costs of defending specified promisees or indemnitees against liability for specified damages are against public policy and are void and unenforceable under specified circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 872 Delegate Smith, et al****MARYLAND WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION LAW – AWARDS OF CERTAIN FEES AND COSTS AND PROHIBITION AGAINST RETALIATION**

Authorizing a court, on a specified finding in an action on behalf of an employee for a violation of the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law, to award the Attorney General reasonable counsel fees and other costs; authorizing a court, on a specified finding in an action by an employee for a violation of the Wage Payment and Collection Law, to award the employee reasonable counsel fees and other costs; prohibiting an employer from taking specified adverse action against an employee under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, §§ 3-507 and 3-507.2 - amended and § 3-507.3 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 873 Delegate Smith, et al****ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTIONS – ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS AND OVERSEAS VOTERS**

Requiring a county council to set the date for a special election to fill a vacancy in specified county offices so that the local board of elections may provide absentee ballots for that election to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters a specified number of days before the special election; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to require local boards of elections to provide absentee ballots for a special election to fill a vacancy in Congress to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters, as specified; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, §§ 8-401 and 8-710 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 874 Delegate Carter****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS – PROCEDURES (JOSEPH’S LAW)**

Requiring each law enforcement agency in the State to adopt a written policy establishing procedures for homicide investigations that include specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 2-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 875 Delegate Carter****BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS – EVICTION PROCEDURES**

Requiring the Professional Development and Training Academy of the Baltimore City Police Department to require that specified entrance–level and annual in–service level training include training regarding eviction procedures; and requiring the training to be developed in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City and conducted by the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-514 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 876 Delegate Carter****PUBLIC SAFETY – DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONER – COMPLAINTS OF POLICE BRUTALITY**

Authorizing a District Court commissioner to take a complaint from an arrested person against a law enforcement officer that alleges brutality related to the arrest in the execution of the law enforcement officer’s duties; and providing that a complaint made under the Act shall be sworn to by the complainant and filed by the commissioner in accordance with a specified provision of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 2-607(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 877 Delegate Parrott****CIVIL ACTIONS – DAMAGE OR LOSS RELATED TO PROPERTY OCCURRING AFTER COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT TO REAL PROPERTY**

Replacing references to “injury” to real or personal property with “damage or loss” to real or personal property in specified provisions of law related to causes of action for specified injuries occurring after completion of specified improvements to real property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 878 Delegate Parrott****MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – AUTHORITY TO OPERATE**

Repealing a condition under which a religious educational institution may operate without a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and may enroll specified students in a specified online distance education program without a registration from the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 11-202.1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 879 Delegate Carter****PUBLIC SAFETY – IMITATION FIREARMS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the sale, offer of sale, possession, use, attempt to use, or transfer of an imitation firearm; defining terms; establishing criminal penalties; establishing exceptions; authorizing the Attorney General to file a civil action to enjoin a violation of the Act; and authorizing a circuit court to enjoin a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 5-601 through 5-603 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 880 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – DEMOLITION WORK – SAFETY PROVISIONS AND PERMITTING**

Requiring a contractor to obtain a permit for demolition work in a specified manner; requiring a specified contractor to obtain a demolition permit from the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; requiring the demolition permit applicant to submit a specified application to the Department and pay a specified fee to the Department; requiring the Department to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 12-705 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 881 Delegate Carter****BUSINESS REGULATION – MARKETING SYNTHETIC DRUGS – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person issued a specified license from possessing, providing, distributing, displaying, selling, or marketing a specified synthetic drug with the intent that it be used as a recreational drug; providing specified factors to be treated as indicia that a product is a specified synthetic drug; providing that specified proof is prima facie evidence of a violation of the Act; requiring that a specified person must permit the Comptroller to inspect specified records and products; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, §§ 17-20B-01 through 17-20B-06 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 882 Delegates Carter and Anderson****INMATES – LIFE IMPRISONMENT – PAROLE REFORM**

Repealing specified provisions that provide that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled only with the Governor's approval, subject to specified provisions; repealing specified provisions that require specified parole decisions to be transmitted to the Governor under specified circumstances; repealing specified provisions that authorize the Governor to disapprove specified parole decisions in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, §§ 4-305(b) and 7-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2016****HJ 2 Delegate Carter, et al****REINSTATEMENT OF THE SEPARATION OF COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT BANKING FUNCTIONS**

Urging the United States Congress to support efforts to reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions in effect under the Glass-Steagall Act and to support H.R. 381 and S. 1709.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations